

ISST Meeting Notes (April 5, 2005)
Conference started at about 12:05 p.m. EDT

Next Call: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 12:00 p.m EDT

Team members present (P) and not present (NP):
(P) Brad Colman (team leader) – WFO Seattle, WA
(P) Pete Manousos (backup team leader) – NCEP/HPC
(P) Mark Jackson – WFO Salt Lake City, UT
(NP) Steve Keighton – WFO Blacksburg, VA
(P) Greg Mann – WFO Detroit, MI
(P) Dave Sharp – WFO Melbourne, FL
(P) Jim Nelson – WFO Anchorage, AK
(P) Jeff Medlin – WFO Mobile
(P) Bill Ward – PRHQ
(P) Dan St Jean – WFO Gray, ME
(P) Lee Anderson (facilitator) – OST/PPD/PMB

Teleconference commenced at about 1:05 p.m. EST

1. Review of Actions

The only action item open was the Lee needed to complete meeting summaries and ensure these are posted on the ISST public page.

2. Round Robin

Nothing major from the team.

3. Greg Mandt

Summary

Greg discussed his background with the group. He sees the ISST as one of the guiding lights and source for a broader strategic sense. He stressed the importance of the ISST providing input into the NRC project. It mentioned that the NWS feels “bruised” with the budget. Greg has been talking with FSL. What is a broader warning program can we put in place, for example? This idea is something to consider. There is importance with surface transportation program, for example. The ISST can be used for feedback on several issues. Greg stated that Paul Hirschberg’s group (Plans Branch) fulfills part of the “Super SOO” idea.

Discussion occurred about tropical storms, uncertainty, and storm threats. Dave Sharp was involved in a discussion about the interest in work by foreign scientists about the NWS work on tropical storms. Greg stated that we need to be in tune with the big issues with the public and get involved with a major project to get political and money support.

The ISST has focus on some specifics about projects and be visionary too. Greg said that NCEP and MDL have people working on various projects. He said we need to ask what type of projects are we spending our time on? About the NRC study, Brad said the ISST could be used for future work on this project. He thanked the team for their support and feedback to him and the NWS.

4. Dave Novak

Dave provided information to the ISST about the work the STSIT has completed. The STSIT has reviewed several tools and made recommendations. The ISST was thankful for their excellent work. More work will continue with this project.

Action Item

Maintain a dialog with Dave on how we can integrate some of his ideas. (Team)

Brad will talk with Kevin Schrab about survey work. (Brad)

Complete cover memo for survey and pass around for review. (Jim)

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. E. S. T.